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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: JOINT STATE/DEFENSE SURVEY
TEAM FOR SUDAN

1. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WHICH
SHOULD BE USED ONLY IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES CONCERNING
JOINT STATE/DEFENSE SURVEY TEAM FOR SUDAN.

Q: WHY IS THE US SENDING A MILITARY SURVEY TEAM TO SUDAN?

A: THE US HAS RECENTLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTRIBUTE
TO SUDAN'S LEGITIMATE DEFENSE NEEDS. AS A FIRST STEP
IN ASSESSING THESE NEEDS, WE ARE SENDING A JOINT STATE/
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DEFENSE TEAM TO SUDAN TO SURVEY THEIR DEFENSIVE MILITARY
REQUIREMENTS.

Q: WHAT SPECIFIC ITEMS IS THE US PLANNING TO PROVIDE SUDAN?

A: EXCEPT FOR THE ALREADY-APPROVED SALE OF SIX C-130S,
THE US HAS NOT DECIDED TO SELL ANY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

TO SUDAN AT THIS TIME.

Q: WHAT IS THE COMPOSITION OF THE SURVEY TEAM?

A: EIGHT OFFICERS: FOUR ARMY, THREE AIR FORCE, AND ONE
NAVY. THERE WILL ALSO BE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM STATE.

Q: HOW LONG WILL THE TEAM BE IN SUDAN?

A: APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS.

Q: WHAT ARE THE THREATS TO SUDAN'S SECURITY?

A: THAT IS ONE OF THE ISSUES WHICH THE TEAM WILL BE
REVIEWING DURING THEIR VISIT.

Q: WHAT KIND OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE DOES THE US CURRENTLY
PROVIDE SUDAN?

A: LAST YEAR WE AGREED TO SELL THE SUDANESE SIX C-130
AIRCRAFT UNDER A FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CASH PROGRAM.
WE ALSO ARE PROVIDING LIMITED TRAINING IN THE US FOR
SUDANESE OFFICERS.

Q: HOW MANY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED?
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A: CURRENTLY 14 SUDANESE STUDENTS ARE TRAINING UNDER THE
FY-77 PROGRAM.

Q: WHAT IS THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES
CREDIT GIVEN TO SUDAN?

A: SUDAN CURRENTLY RECEIVES NO FMS CREDIT.

Q: AREN'T ARMS SALES TO SUDAN INCONSISTENT WITH THE
ADMINISTRATION'S NEW ARMS POLICY?

A: THE NEW ARMS POLICY DOES NOT FORESAKE ARMS TRANSFERS
AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POLICY. SUCH TRANSFERS MAY BE USED
WHERE IT CAN BE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY CONTRIBUTE
TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS. THE DECISION IN
PRINCIPLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUDAN'S DEFENSIVE NEEDS HAS
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE ADMINISTRATION'S NEW ARMS TRANSFER
POLICY.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY CLEAR PROPOSED Q'S AND A'S WITH GOS
AND PROVIDE COMMENT SOONEST.

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